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Majority prices for next week's trading were trending unchanged in the Midwest, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, firm in the West. Demand covered the full range with strongest movement going into food service for fast food promotions and restaurants. Optimism is high for weekend movement and for next week as Memorial Day nears. Supplies were in good balance with trade needs and moved well. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good. Breast items were close balanced to tight and moving at premium levels. Dark meat was well cleared, jumbo wings were in close supply, regular sizes were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/19/03-05/23/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	49.00-52.00	49.00-60.00	51.64	22
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	54.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.00-65.50	53.00-67.00	64.59	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
935	58.50-66.75	64.35

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.50	1,203
BREASTS - B/S	171.50	4,813
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.00	1,353
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	881
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	8,466
WINGS	72.50	3,337

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for Chicago were unchanged from Monday's final prices. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were adequate for the light buyer interest. Retail demand was fair to instances good. Movement into food service was mixed; mostly moderate to good, best into fast food. Floor stocks were in a fully range, adequate to short of needs. Weights generally desirable. The market tone was fully steady on breasts and jumbo wings, steady on leg and leg quarters and regular wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand entering the weekend was moderate to good with active trading, and expected to improve next week as Memorial Day orders are secured. Supplies were in balance to close and frequently held with confidence. In the parts structure, trading was active due to planned or present retail specials, export interests, and upcoming holiday needs. Breast items were close to tight and trading at higher levels, and the remaining items were no more than adequate and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Fridays' levels. Reported trading for next weeks' deliveries at generally higher prices. Offerings were mainly adequate to cover current needs, with sized product in the closest position. Buying activity was moderate but selective. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Southern California – whole body 49-139, whole cut-up 77, marinated Cornish hen 99-199, cornish hen 139, boneless breast 198-499, boneless breast IQF 4# bag 899, breast steaks 349, breast tender 189-377, breast tender IQF 3# bag 899, breast fillet 377, marinated boneless breast 499, boneless thigh meat 197, boneless leg meat 69-98, marinated leg meat 199, 40# case leg meat 2998, split breast 129-199, whole breast 89, whole leg 129, leg quarter 77-89, 10# bag leg quarter 390, wing 87, wing IQF 5# bag 599, marinated leg quarter 89, thigh 58-149, thigh 58-149, gizzards 129, (food service deli section – fried mixed 8 piece 499-799, 50 piece 2399, 100 piece 4799, 150 piece 7199, 250 piece 11999, 300 piece 14399, 500 piece 23999, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 348, 16 piece 498, 12 piece hot wing 348);

Northern California – whole cut-up 119, boneless breast 399, boneless thigh meat 299, (food service deli section – fried mixed 50 piece 2099 and 100 piece 5999); Colorado – roaster 149 buy one get one free, boneless breast 249-288, split breast 199, leg quarter 49-79, thigh 79, drumstick 79; Arizona – whole body 89, whole cut-up 79-99, boneless breast 179-269, breast tender 179, split breast 88-199, leg quarter 79, thigh 88-139, drumstick 88-139.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to balanced with current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were snug. Dark meat cuts were in close balance. Tenderloins were short of full needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance and continued to clear satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy when combined with some operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the part complex, most items were generally in good balanced and well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA BRANDED U.S. GRADE A			
RANGE			53-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE			57.73
NO. OF BOXES			7,292
CUMULATIVE	05/12/03-05/16/03		58.05
	05/13/02-05/17/02		54.30
NO. OF BOXES	05/12/03-05/16/03		41,375
	05/13/02-05/17/02		47,641

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 15

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 16

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	918	153.00-240.00	153-159	156.96	916	162.00-240.00	165-169	175.85	4,300	159.47
TENDERLOINS	228	145.00-200.00	149-155	156.41	275	158.00-200.00	159-165	162.81	1,163	156.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	89.00-95.00	92-93	93.06	103	92.00-95.00	93-95	93.39	560	90.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				314	78.77
LEGS	89	23.00-39.00	26-27	27.13	92	24.00-39.00	26-27	27.93	478	26.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	21.00-23.00	21-22	21.51	591	21.00-23.00	21-22	21.51	2,970	20.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	18.00-26.00	23-25	22.58	1,270	20.00-25.00	23-25	23.50	5,845	22.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	64.00-73.00	-	69.43	281	68.00-73.00	-	72.21	1,051	71.03
WINGS (CUT)	278	75.00-83.00	79-81	80.81	463	80.00-88.00	83-85	83.97	2,550	80.57
DRUMSTICKS	68	39.00-51.00	-	40.41	68	39.00-51.00	-	40.41	340	39.26
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	40.60
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				124	60.29

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 15, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

AVERAGE

49.00 - 52.50

50.85

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 16, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

AVERAGE

50.00 - 53.50

52.53

5-DAY

AVERAGE

50.10

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items remained in close balance with premiums noted. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Tenderloins continued to see active interest and were tight to short of full needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenderloins, fully steady to instances firm on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

MAY 15

CURRENT NEG

WTD

VOL/LBS

CURRENT NEG

WTD

VOL/LBS

MAY 16

WEEKLY

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	165.27	325,560	170	167.54	373,640	162.48	2,040,080
TENDERLOINS	150	148.64	59,600	150-155	152.52	54,160	146.43	470,230
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	94.75	232,680	90-91	97.40	189,720	94.96	879,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.39	113,880	90	94.00	118,800	92.13	536,640
LEGS	34-35	35.64	165,040	34-35	36.77	181,320	35.34	848,900
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.99	431,751	26-27	25.68	472,278	24.63	2,275,145
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.48	113,540	26-27	33.30	105,350	31.68	545,552
THIGHS	27-28	34.88	72,360	27-28	36.28	91,660	35.52	329,570
B/S THIGHS	63-64	64.75	91,320	64-65	62.48	58,720	65.34	374,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	71.96	122,180	65-66	70.91	162,680	70.55	812,190
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.40	38,680	10-12	12.09	30,520	12.19	168,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	23.60	12,840	25-30	19.64	25,440	22.96	76,265
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.92	15,236	35-40	40.55	32,280	40.19	109,970

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	05/16	05/15	05/14	05/13	05/14	05/13	05/09	05/07		
ALA	4,033	4,028	3,958	3,995	5.16	5.20	3,886	5.19		
ARK	4,882	5,169	5,092	5,128	5.01	5.02	4,921	5.03		
DELMARVA	2,460	2,376	2,370	2,354	5.18	5.25	2,062	5.07		
KY-LA-TN	1,874	1,944	1,954	1,939	4.89	4.93	2,134	4.91		
MISS	2,592	2,947	2,844	2,956	5.31	5.29	2,903	5.37		
NC	2,512	2,538	2,428	2,659	6.15	6.08	2,713	6.13		
TEXAS	2,453	2,477	2,433	2,388	5.06	5.04	2,741	4.92		
TOTAL	20,806	21,479	21,079	21,283	5.22	5.24	21,360	5.22		
MON-FRI	106,685(A)						104,323(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-May 03 and 17-May-03 is estimated to be 31,128,000 down 2.89 percent from a week ago and down 6.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,053,000; last year 33,390,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 17-May-03 is estimated to be 154,961,000 head, no change from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 155,587,000 Last year 158,538,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-104
	ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 03-May-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	23,416	20,909	52,871
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.15
% of total /1	24%	22%	54%

COMPARISONS

Last week	28,712	24,779	44,172
Avg Weight	3.88	4.85	6.01
% of total /1	29%	25%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	29,458	25,525	57,829
Avg Weight	3.75	4.69	6.07
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%

To date/2003	435,699	407,340	776,925
To date/2002	548,537	426,802	853,539

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 10-May-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	155,587	1,586	1,364	2,950	483
AVG WT	5.20	3.40	8.02	5.54	6.93
LAST WEEK	156,760	1,846	1,209	3,055	440
SAME WK YR AGO	158,061	2,008	1,280	3,288	480
AVG WT	5.24	3.37	7.91	5.14	6.70
TO-DATE/2003	2,853,275	32,202	25,060	57,262	8,004
TO-DATE/2002	2,919,072	35,041	24,956	59,997	8,425

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.5 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 13, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

RANGE RANGE

Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40	Silkie	3.00 - 5.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00	Geese	.60 - .65
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 3.25ea.	Pigeons	3.25 - 3.60ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80	White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.55 - 1.30	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	2.00 - 9.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.40	Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 12.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.50ea.	Goats	27.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 30.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.40 - .44		

Total Coops Sold 698

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-2003
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-65.50	61-64.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-86.50	68-72.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were not changed. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Demand was light to fair due mostly to the SARS scare. Weights were desirable to light. Schedules full-time to at times reduced. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings and \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-MAY-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
APRIL	5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
	12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
	19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
	26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
MAY	3	158.7	158.3	100%	5.09
	10	157.5	159.2	99%	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	2888.0	2926.7	99%		
MAY	17	158.7			
	24	158.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/17/03	05/10/03	% CHG	05/18/02	% CHG
Broilers	154,961	155,587*	0	158,538*	-02
Cattle	749	722	+04	700*	+07
Hogs	1,811	1,866	-03	1,859*	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate. Trading was limited on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight. The undertone was generally steady on heavy canners; at least steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-23.5	29-35 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26.5 MAJORITY 25-25.25	30-37 MAJORITY 33-34.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Removal values were unchanged with majority prices unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10	7-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were at least unchanged from the past week. Offerings remained ample for selective plant scheduling based on a fair call for dressed product. Processing costs were viewed as about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values ranged unchanged to slightly higher with majority values generally unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10	9-9.50

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19 -MAY-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were adjusted for a moderate call for dressed product. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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